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25X1 1. a. The rolling mill with annex buildings is about 150 x 4,500 feet.

25X1 b. Blast furnace installation: Three blast furnaces existed in February 1948. The fourth was completed in September 1948 and the fifth was under construction in August 1949. They are in the western section of the plant, north of the factory road extending along the plant area. [REDACTED] the construction of 14 more blast furnaces was scheduled. [REDACTED] a new construction site was surveyed and staked out, but construction work had not started.

c. The blast furnace department is equipped with a steam turbine power station. The power plant opposite the rolling mill is a transformer station and does not produce electric energy. [REDACTED]

2. a. The blast furnace department was comprised of five blast furnaces of which three were usually in operation, the fourth often being alternately under repair. The fifth furnace was nearing completion in August 1949.

b. As the production of the existing blast furnaces did not meet the total capacity of the rolling mill, the construction of more blast furnaces, 15 units [REDACTED] was planned. The construction site was surveyed and staked out. The blast furnaces were to be arranged in echelon so that the last furnace would be near the shore.

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c. An installation, a power plant supplying the blast furnaces [redacted] was directly southwest of the existing furnaces. Information on the fuel consumption or the power supply of that installation could not be obtained.

d. The rolling mill, about 4,500 feet long, had several sections housed in one building and six smokestacks.

e. The transformer plant south of the rolling mill was housed in two buildings. Electric power, supplied by transmission lines from the southeast, passed, after transformation, through underground lines to the individual departments.

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Comment:

a. The Zhdanov Iron and Steel Plant has been repeatedly reported. The above statements are particularly noteworthy in view of the information on the latest plans for improving the plant.

b. The data on the five existing blast furnaces are presumably correct. The information on the scheduled construction of a number of new furnaces is received for the first time and further reports are required to determine the number of furnaces to be built. Only the planned construction of a new rolling mill or an openhearth plant was previously reported.

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c. [redacted] the power was not produced but only transformed in the plant.

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d. The installation not far from the blast furnaces, reported as a power plant [redacted] and as a steam turbine power station [redacted] is assumed to be a compressor plant.

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e. It is inferred from the presence of a concrete factory [redacted] that new buildings are apparently to be constructed on a large scale in the eastern section of the plant area.

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